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Ken Reightler is currently Vice President, NASA Program Integration for the Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company. He is responsible for ensuring that all NASA activities that Lockheed Martin is supporting are well integrated from an organizational and technological perspective. This includes current as well as future programs. He is also responsible for strategic and business management for the Human Space Flight Line of Business.

Reightler joined Lockheed Martin in 1995 as program manager of the Engineering Test and Analysis contract. He became Vice President of the Science, Engineering and Test Operation in 1996. In 2001 he assumed the position of Senior Vice President, Lockheed Martin Space Operations, and was promoted to President in 2004. He transferred to the Space Systems Company in 2007 following the win of the Orion Spacecraft contract.

Prior to joining the Corporation, Reightler spent eight years with NASA. As an astronaut, Reightler piloted two shuttle missions. He also held various technical and management positions, including Chief of the Astronaut Office's Space Station and Mission Support Branches, among others.

Before joining NASA, Reightler served as Chief Flight Instructor at the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School in Patuxent River, Maryland. His 22-year military career includes experience in naval aviation, both land- and carrier-based, logging over 5,000 hours of flying time in over 60 different types of aircraft. Retiring from active duty with the rank of Captain, U.S. Navy, Reightler received during his military career numerous special honors including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, and two NASA Space Flight Medals. He is also a member of the Virginia Aviation hall of Fame.

Reightler holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering with Distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy (1973); a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School (1984); and a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California (1984). He is also a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.